

REMARKS

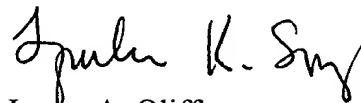
Claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment asserts that the Amendment filed May 17, 2004 is non-compliant because the words "Replacement Sheet" were omitted from the top margin. By this Response, replacement drawings for Figures 1-18 are submitted which have the words "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-25 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:
Replacement Sheets

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